

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 15, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 2500 - HB 2831**

This bill, if enacted, will authorize the Secretary of State to create three consumer affairs offices to protect the consuming public and legitimate business enterprises from those who engage in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce in part or wholly within the state. The bill requires the offices to be located in Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be a one-time increase in state expenditures of approximately \$105,000 and recurring state expenditures of approximately \$650,000. This estimate assumes that the creation of these three offices will be in addition to the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Commerce and Insurance which already exists.

| | Nashville | | Memphis | | Knoxville | |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | One-Time | Recurring | One-Time | Recurring | One-Time | Recurring |
| Salaries | \$ | \$181,908 | | \$129,372 | \$ | \$129,372 |
| Benefits | | 43,658 | | 31,049 | | 31,049 |
| Office Expen. | 37,000 | 43,600 | \$ 34,000 | 29,900 | 34,000 | 29,900 |
| Total | <u>\$37,000</u> | <u>\$269,166</u> | <u>\$34,000</u> | <u>\$190,321</u> | <u>\$34,000</u> | <u>\$190,321</u> |

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director